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Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Business and Labor Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Beutler, are you handling the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I am not, Madam Chairman, but I just wanted to ask a question of the Chair and I guess I really wanted to ask it of Senator Nichol. But I noticed that all of these bills now that we are considering from here on out are not priority bills, and I can see that a couple of them are possibly emergency measures of one nature or another. But I guess I would inquire as to with 15 committee priority bills and 5 or 6 individual priority bills still on the list, why we are taking up special order bills ahead of priority bills.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Madam President, it is a good question and, frankly, the reason for it is that with the exception of the lottery bill we are through with the first go-round of personal priority bills. Now there still are some committee priority bills that we have not touched and also the Speaker's priority bills but we have with the exception...and, of course, we have touched on the lottery bill. With the exception of that one, all the other bills have been handled at least once. Now not all of them have advanced, but then we have touched them all once. The other question that you proposed as to why I picked these particular bills, was that it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The reason for picking these particular bills was that, and I certainly don't support all of them, but I thought in my mind that those were important bills, not only from the standpoint of what the ladies and gentlemen in the body wished to take up, but also a few of them are bills that are timely inasmuch as they should be passed this year or not at all. Now it is not my, of course, stance to say whether these bills should or shouldn't be passed, and there are others that are important to other people, but these are the ones so far at least that I thought we should be taking up this year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, Senator Nichol, if I may, if we stick to a reasonable germaneness rule, we ought to be